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AMEMBASSY DAKAR

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY DELEGATION

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1. JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, MR. IKEDA, BUREAU SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN AFFAIRS, VISITED CONAKRY NOV 10 TO 14 ACCOMPANIED BY JUNIOR OFFICER JAPANESE EMBASSY DAKAR (MR. IZAWA). DELEGATION MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND, ACCOMPANIED BY LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE NICHIMEN TRADING COMPANY, TOOK STOCK OF LOCAL SITUATION PREPARATORY TO OPENING EMBASSY.

2. DURING SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS, JAPANESE APPEARED DISCOURAGED AT MAGNITUDE OF PROBLEMS AND COSTS THEY WILL ENCOUNTER OPENING MISSION. GUINEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD PROPOSED BUILDING FOR CHANCERY WHICH JAPANESE FIND UNSATISFACTORY. IKEDA TOLD US HE WAS CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING THAT JAPANESE UNDERTAKE CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLETE EMBASSY COMPOUND.

3. JAPANESE STILL PLAN OPENING MISSION WITH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ABOUT DEC 1975, ACCOMPANIED PERHAPS BY EMBASSY OFFICER FROM DAKAR. IKEDA SAID AMBASSADOR MIGHT ARRIVE MARCH OR APRIL 1976

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BUT HE SEEMED RATHER VAGUE ABOUT DATES. MISSION TENTATIVELY

EXPECTED TO INCLUDE AMBASSADOR PLUS SOME STAFF.

4. EMBASSY CONAKRY PROVIDED ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE, AND TOLD IKEDA THAT WE WOULD CABLE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION HE MIGHT REQUEST THROUGH EMBASSY TOKYO. WILL FORWARD COPY NEW POST REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE FOR IKEDA. HE SAID HE WOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT.

5. FOREIGN MINISTRY VISIT OVERLAPPED WITH SEPARATE VISIT OF PRESIDENT HASHIMOTO OF NIPPON KOEI, BUT THIS APPEARED COINCIDENTAL AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS WERE ASSISTED THROUGHOUT BY NICHIMEN RATHER THAN NIPPON LOEI.

6. AMBASSADOR STRESSED OUR GREAT SATISFACTION THAT JAPANESE OPENING MISSION HERE, AND TOLD IKEDA THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THIS INVITATION WILL BE IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEREST BOTH JAPAN AND US. REQUEST EMBASSY TOKYO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND INFORM US OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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